

**Security Council**

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**Security Council Committee established pursuant
to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone**

**Note verbale dated 11 October 2000 from the Permanent
Mission of India to the United Nations addressed to the
Chairman of the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone, and, referring to the Secretariat's note dated 10 July 2000, requesting Member States to report on the steps they have taken, has the honour to communicate that the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, the nodal autonomous body sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce, which also covers the diamond trade, has advised all its members to take a declaration from their suppliers of rough diamonds stating that the diamonds supplied by them do not contain any "conflict diamonds" on which an embargo has been put under Security Council resolutions. The Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council has also advised its members to give a similar declaration at the time of export of rough diamonds/rough rejections by them. The Permanent Mission of India would like to reiterate that India does not import any diamonds from any African country and to recall that, even before the Council adopted resolution 1306 (2000), the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council had taken several steps regarding stopping all trade in conflict diamonds, which were conveyed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee and circulated as Security Council document S/2000/662.

